Adding Slideshare Presentations

Slideshare presentations can be added to course content from two different locations: the Build Content area in Content modules and most text areas throughout the course. To add a presentation as a Content Item:

1. Navigate to the area where the Slideshare will be added and place your pointer over the Build Content tab. A resource list will be displayed.

2. Click on the Slideshare Presentation link. The Search screen will be displayed.

3. Click on the Search Type drop-down arrow and then click on:
   - Full Text - to search titles, narratives and tags for the text string entered in the Search field.
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- **Tags Only** - to only search tags for the text string entered in the **Search** field. (Warning: tag fields are optional in Slideshare and are often not populated.)
- **Specific Presentation (URL)** - if you know the specific Slideshare that you want to link to, then type or paste the URL into the **Search** field.

4. Enter the text string you wish to search for or the presentation URL in the **Search** text box.

5. If you would like to limit the number of content languages to one, click on the **Language** drop-down arrow located to the right of the field, then click on a language. Next click on the **[Go]** button the start the search.

6. Click on the drop-down arrow to the right of the **License** field, then click on the license type that address how you plan on using the content in your course.

7. Click on the **[Preview]** button under the Slideshare thumbnails to open the review window.
8. Next click on the review arrow in the popup window to play the presentation. Click the [X] at the top of the view window when you have finished reviewing the Slideshare to close the pop-up window.

9. Click on the [Select] button to add the item to your course. The *Create Mashup Item* page will be displayed.

10. The default name provided by Slideshare will automatically by posted in the Name field. Click in the field to type in a new name for the presentation.

11. Type a description of the presentation or instructions to the students in the Description field.
12. Click on the drop-down arrow to the right of the View field and select:
   - **Thumbnail** - to insert a small 50 X 50px clickable image. When the student clicks on the image a popup player window containing the Slideshare will be displayed.
   - **Text Link with Player** - to insert a hyperlink. When the student clicks on the hyperlink a popup player window containing the Slideshare will be displayed.
   - **Embed Presentation** - to insert the Slideshare player into a content page. This option takes up more room on the page, but will reduce the number of the clicks required to view materials.

13. By default Blackboard will display the date the presentation was posted to Slideshare, who posted the item, how often it has been viewed and downloaded as well as a link to the resource on the Slideshare server. Click on the "No" radio button to the right of the Show Slideshare Information field to hide the information from students.

14. You can provide students with additional information associated with the slide presentation or the concept addressed in the presentation by attaching a link or file to the Slideshare. For example you could link the Importance of Failure presentation to the "Importance of Failure" article by Unsworth, thereby providing a media presentation as well as textual information. Click:
   - [Browse My Computer] button to attach a file from your local computer.
   - [Browse Course] button to link to a file that is already in your course.

15. By default students will be able to view the Slideshare image. If you click on the No radio button you will be able to view the item but it will be hidden from students.
16. Click on the **Yes** radio button to the right of **Track Number of Views** if you would like to know how often students view the Slideshare.

17. If you would like to Slideshare presentation to be visible to students for a limited period of time, enter dates and times in the **Display After** and/or the **Display Until** text fields, or click on the icons to the right of each of the fields and select dates from a pop-up calendar and pre-defined time periods from a drop-down menu. Blackboard will automatically display and/or hide the presentation based on these defined dates and times.